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PROMOTION OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for the sporting events of Indian origin during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether due to over priority and push given to cricket the traditional sports of Indian origin like Kabaddi, Khokho, Attya Pattya and other sporting events of rural base are vanishing gradually;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to provide opportunities to the rural sports persons at national and international levels by setting up village sports academy and providing them training and other facilities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the village sports academy is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Sports is a State subject and promotion of same at the State level is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Also National Sports Federations (NSFs) are responsible to promote sports at national and international level. However, Government during the last three years sanctioned Rs.1.92 crores to recognized National Sports Federations dealing the discipline of Indian origin such as Atya Pattya, Carrom, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho. However, no specific funds are allocated for such sports event wise and State-wise. Besides the sports tournaments are organized in the discipline of Kho-Kho and Kabaddi under the Rural Sports Programme.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. The discipline of Cricket is not in priority list of Government and no funds are provided for Cricket (Men). For Cricket (Women), Government provides assistance for holding National Championships only. The recognized National Sports Federations dealing with disciplines of Indian origin and sporting events of rural base are being provided financial assistance as per provisions of the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation. Besides, under the Rural Sports Programme rural sports tournaments are organized at block, district, state and national levels.

(d) to (f): The Government has launched Scheme of State Sports Academy with the concept to select the best available potential in sports between 10-13 years of age and scientifically groom them over years of Secondary and Sr. Secondary School and carry the proven and tested potential to college level. The academy is to be funded jointly by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a sponsor in the ratio of 51:25:24. Some State Government have shown interest in the Scheme. However, no such academy has been sanctioned so far.

In addition for spotting and nurturing talented children in sub-junior/junior/senior age groups for achieving excellence at the national/international level following schemes are being implemented by Sports Authority of India:-

i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme
ii) Army Boys Sports Company Scheme
iii) Scheme of SAI Training Centres
iv) Special Area Games Scheme
v) Centre of Excellence